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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TSUTOMU ANDO)	Examiner: Chi Ho A. Lee
Application No.: 10/052,376)	Group Art Unit: 2616
Filed: January 23, 2002)	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,)	
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD,)	
IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM AND)	
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE)	
MEDIUM STORING IMAGE)	
PROCESSING PROGRAM CODE)	May 3, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) JP 11-177436
- (2) JP 8-084331

These documents were cited in an Office Action for a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of documents (1) and (2) are enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance is believed to be provided by the English-language abstracts.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request For Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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